

1 AN ACT relating to special license plates and making an appropriation therefor.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 186.172 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) (a) Upon application to the county clerk of the county of his residence, any
5 current or retired member of a fire department, volunteer fire department, or
6 fire protection district in the Commonwealth shall be issued a special
7 firefighter license plate that shall bear the inscription "Firefighter," a
8 registration number, and an appropriate standardized insignia.

9 ~~(b)(2)~~ Each initial or renewal application shall be accompanied by proof of
10 current service or retirement as a firefighter as furnished by the fire chief, the
11 mayor or trustee of a city, or the county judge/executive in appropriate rural
12 areas, and the payment of the fees set forth in KRS 186.162(2)(i).

13 ~~(c)(3)~~ The special firefighter license plate shall be administered in the same
14 manner as other special license plates as prescribed in KRS 186.164. The
15 Kentucky Firefighters Association may petition the Transportation Cabinet to
16 place a voluntary contribution on special firefighter license plates in
17 accordance with KRS 186.164(12) to (14).

18 (2) (a) The Transportation Cabinet shall develop an alternative design for the
19 special firefighter license plate which highlights the Kentucky Fallen
20 Firefighter Memorial, which is available to any vehicle owner, by January
21 1, 2018. This design shall be available for the fees set forth in subsection
22 (2)(ac) of Section 2 of this Act.

23 (b) Moneys given as the mandatory EF fee in accordance with subsection
24 (2)(ac) of Section 2 of this Act shall be used by the Kentucky Firefighter
25 Memorial Foundation, Inc. for firefighter programs. The Firefighter
26 Memorial Foundation, Inc. shall submit the information required under
27 KRS 186.164 (13)(a) and (c) to the Transportation Cabinet within thirty (30)

1 days.

2 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.162 is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) As used in this section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166, 186.1722, and
4 186.174:

5 (a) "Special license plate" means a unique license plate issued under this chapter
6 to a group or organization that readily identifies the operator of the motor
7 vehicle or motorcycle bearing the plate as a member of a group or
8 organization, or a supporter of the work, goals, or mission of a group or
9 organization. The term shall not include regular license plates issued under
10 KRS 186.240;

11 (b) "Street rod" means a modernized private passenger motor vehicle
12 manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble
13 a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949;

14 (c) "SF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
15 plate that is dedicated for use by the Transportation Cabinet;

16 (d) "CF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
17 plate that is dedicated for use by a county clerk; and

18 (e) "EF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license
19 plate that is mandated by this chapter to be dedicated for use by a particular
20 group or organization.

21 (2) The initial purchase fee and renewal fee for a special license plate created under this
22 chapter shall be as established in this subsection and includes the name of group or
23 organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount
24 in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:

25 (a) Disabled veterans who receive assistance to purchase a vehicle from the
26 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, veterans declared by the
27 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs to be one hundred percent

1 (100%) service-connected disabled, and recipients of the Congressional Medal
2 of Honor:

- 3 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).
4 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).

5 (b) Former prisoners of war and survivors of Pearl Harbor:

- 6 1. Initial Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
7 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
8 2. Renewal Fee: \$3 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

9 (c) Members of the Kentucky National Guard and recipients of the Purple Heart:

- 10 1. Initial Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
11 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
12 2. Renewal Fee: \$8 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
13 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

14 (d) Members of the Civil Air Patrol; active, retired, veteran, reserve, or auxiliary
15 members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast
16 Guard; Merchant Marines who served between December 7, 1941, and August
17 15, 1945; recipients of the Silver Star Medal, or the Bronze Star Medal
18 awarded for valor; persons who wish to receive Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star
19 Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses license plates beyond the two (2) exempted
20 from fees under KRS 186.041(6); individuals eligible for a special military
21 service academy license plate under KRS 186.041(8); and disabled veterans
22 who have been declared to be between fifty percent (50%) and ninety-nine
23 percent (99%) service-connected disabled by the United States Department of
24 Veterans' Affairs:

- 25 1. Initial Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
26 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
27 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'

1 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

2 (e) Recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force
3 Cross:

4 1. Initial Fee: \$3 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

5 2. Renewal Fee: \$3 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

6 (f) Disabled license plates:

7 1. Initial Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

8 2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

9 (g) Historic vehicles:

10 1. Initial Fee for two plates: \$53 (\$50 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

11 2. Renewal Fee: Do not renew annually.

12 (h) Members of Congress:

13 1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

14 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'

15 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

16 (i) Firefighters **under subsection (1) of Section 1 of this Act:**

17 1. Initial Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

18 2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

19 (j) Emergency management:

20 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

21 2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

22 (k) Fraternal Order of Police:

23 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
24 FOP Death Benefit Fund).

25 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
26 FOP Death Benefit Fund).

27 (l) Law Enforcement Memorial:

- 1 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
2 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
- 3 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
4 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
- 5 (m) Personalized plates:
- 6 1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 7 2. Renewal Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 8 (n) Street rods:
- 9 1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 10 2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 11 (o) Nature plates:
- 12 1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky
13 Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
- 14 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky
15 Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
- 16 (p) Amateur radio:
- 17 1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 18 2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 19 (q) Kentucky General Assembly:
- 20 1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 21 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
22 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 23 (r) Kentucky Court of Justice:
- 24 1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 25 2. Renewal Fee: \$8 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
26 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 27 (s) Masons:

1 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

2 2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

3 (t) Collegiate plates:

4 1. Initial Fee: \$50 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the general
5 scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the
6 plate).

7 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the general
8 scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the
9 plate).

10 (u) Independent Colleges:

11 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of
12 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the
13 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).

14 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of
15 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the
16 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).

17 (v) Child Victims:

18 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the child victims'
19 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).

20 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the child victims'
21 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).

22 (w) Kentucky Horse Council:

23 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
24 Horse Council).

25 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky
26 Horse Council).

27 (x) Ducks Unlimited:

1 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
2 Unlimited).

3 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks
4 Unlimited).

5 (y) Spay neuter:

6 1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the animal control
7 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).

8 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the animal control
9 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).

10 (z) Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses:

11 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).

12 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).

13 3. A person may receive a maximum of two (2) plates under this paragraph
14 free of charge and may purchase additional plates for fees as established
15 in subsection (2)(d) of this section.

16 (aa) I Support Veterans:

17 1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
18 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

19 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky
20 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

21 (ab) Gold Star Siblings:

22 1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans'
23 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

24 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
25 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

26 **(ac) Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial under subsection 2 of Section 1 of**
27 **this Act:**

1 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
2 Firefighter Memorial Foundation, Inc).

3 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
4 Firefighter Memorial Foundation, Inc).

5 (3) Any special license plate may be combined with a personalized license plate for a
6 twenty-five dollar (\$25) state fee in addition to all other fees for the particular
7 special license plate established in this section and in KRS 186.164(3). The twenty-
8 five dollar (\$25) fee required under this subsection shall be divided between the
9 cabinet and the county clerk of the county where the applicant is applying for the
10 license plate with the cabinet receiving twenty dollars (\$20) and the county clerk
11 receiving five dollars (\$5).

12 (4) Owners and lessees of motorcycles registered under KRS 186.050(2) may be
13 eligible to receive special license plates issued under this section or established
14 under the provisions of KRS 186.164 after the cabinet has received three hundred
15 (300) applications and initial state fees from the sponsoring organization.
16 Applicants for a special license plate for a motorcycle shall be required to pay the
17 fee for a special plate as prescribed in this section or in KRS 186.164. The fee paid
18 for the special plate for a motorcycle shall be in lieu of the registration fee required
19 under KRS 186.050(2).